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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 6, replace paragraphs 0029 and 0030 with following new paragraphs 0029, 0030, and 0030.1:

[0029] FIGS. 8A-8C schematically illustrate the energy return system of the present invention throughout the gait cycle;

[0030] FIGS. 9A-9B schematically illustrate medial and lateral movements occurring during the gait cycle;

[0030.1] FIG. 10 illustrates an enlarged cross sectional view of a portion of one of the plates.

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